

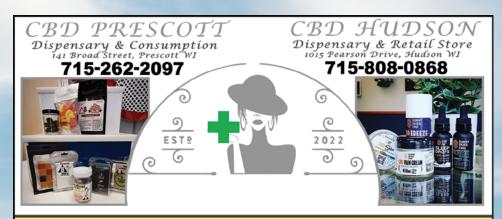
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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

- ► St. Paul Winter Carnival (Jan-Feb)
- ► Annual Meeting & Award Banquet | Hastings
- ► Hastings Ice Sculpture Celebration
- ► South Valley Park Free Fun Day | Inver Grove Heights
- ► The Big Chill | Hastings
- ► Trails by Candlelight | West St. Paul
- ► Frosty Festival | Eagan
- ► Frozen Fun Fest | Mendota Heights
- ► Flannel Fest | South St. Paul

FEBRUARY

- ► Mid-Winter Fest | Apple Valley
- ► Omnifest (Feb-April) | St. Paul
- ► Princess Dance | Inver Grove Heights
- ► Trails by Candlelight | Hastings
- ► Polar Fest | Burnsville

MARCH

- ► Bedrace for Bridging | Burnsville
- ► Hastings Tastings
- ► Craft Fair | Inver Grove Heights
- Landscape & Home Expo | Lakeville
- Home & Landscape Show | St. Paul
- Randolph Railroad Days
 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Inver-Grove Heights

APRIL

- Home & Garden Expo | Apple Valley
 - Easter Egg Hunt | Inver Grove Heights
 - Learn to Skate Spring Ice Show | Inver Grove Heights
 - Spring Egg Hunt | Rosemount

APRIL (CONTD)

- ► Giant Egg Hunt | South St. Paul
- ► Easter Egg Hunt | West St. Paul
- ► Earth Week Park Clean Up | Eagan
- ► Egg-Cellent Spring Adventure | Burnsville
- ► Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Giveaway | Rosemount
- ➤ Spring Expo at The Moose Lodge 1088 | Inver Grove Heights

MAY

- ► City Wide Garage Sales | Hastings, Lakeville, Rosemount
- ► Holz Farm Spring Festival | Eagan
- ► Historic Hastings Car Show (3rd Sun. May-Oct)
- ► Flint Hills Family Festival (May-June) | St. Paul
- ► Cinco de Mayo | West St. Paul
- ▶ Big Rig Ralley | Eagan
- ► Arts & Craft Fair | Farmington
- Cruise Nights @ A&W (May-Sept, Thursdays) | Inver Grove Heights
- Downtown Lakeville Art Crawl
- Touch-A-Truck | Mendota Heights
- Spring Clean Up | Rosemount
- Memorial Day Event | Rosemount

UNE

- Eagan Art Festival
- Summer Solstice Party | Eagan, West St. Paul
- Farmington Dew Days
- Grand Old Day | St. Paul
- Kaposia Days | South St. Paul
- City-wide Garage Sale | South St. Paul
- ArtBlast | Rosemount

JUNE (CONTD)

- ▶ Back to the 50's Car Show | St. Paul
- ► GrillFest | St. Paul
- ► Explore West St. Paul Days & Parade
- ► Car Show & Swap Meet | St. Paul
- ► Take a Kid Fishing Day | West St. Paul
- ► Music in the Park (June-Aug) | Farmington
- ► Freedom Days | Apple Valley
- ► Mayo Fest | Burnsville
- ► City of Burnsville Pride
- ► Lake Fest | Eagan
- ► Hastings Pride Festival
- ► National Trail's Day Scavenger Hunt | Inver Grove Heights
- ► Lakeville Farmers Market (June-Oct)

JUL

- ► Freedom Days | Apple Valley
- ▶ International Festival of Burnsville
- ▶ 4th of July Fun Fest | Eagan
- Rivertown Days Arts & Crafts Fair | Hastings
- ► Little Log House Antique Power Show | Hastings
- Lakeville Pan-O-Prog
- Mendota Days Festival
- Rosemount Leprechaun Days
- Taste of Northfield
- Vintage Band Music Festival | Northfield
- Lions Beer, Brats and Bingo | Lakeville
- Summer Food Fest | Inver Grove Heights
- Lions Fly-In Breakfast | Lakeville

JULY (CONTD)

► Cliff Timm Memorial Fishing Derby | Mendota Heights

AUGUST

- ▶ Night to Unite Picnic | Apple Valley
- ► Dakota County Fair | Farmington
- ► Summer Spectacular & Car Show | Farmington
- ► Food Truck Festival | Eagan
- ► Taste of Lakeville
- ► Alleyway Art Fair | Burnsville
- ▶ Bow Wow-A-Rama | Eagan

SEPTEMBER

- ► Burnsville Fire Muster
- ▶ National Public Lands Day | Eagan
- ► Septemberfest | Eagan
- ► Raptor Release | Hastings
- ► Inver Grove Heights Days
- Lakeville Art Festival
- Defeat of Jesse James Days | Northfield
- Citywide Garage sale | Inver Grove Heights
- Blossom Fest | Hastings
- Oktoberfest | Hastings
- Mainstreet Market Fall Festival | Hastings
- RosemountFall Craft & Gift Show
- Outdoor Swap Meet | West St. Paul
- Fall Clean Up Days | Apple Valley
- Fall Food Truck Fest | Apple Valley
 Main Street Market Fall Fest | Hastings
- Veterans Memorial Community Center Craft & Show | Inver Grove Heights

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

OCTOBER

- ► St. Croix Valley Apple Fest | Hastings
- ▶ On the Road Again | South St. Paul
- ► Downtown Hastings Halloween
- ► Candy Crawl
- ► Historic Hastings Car Show
- ► Trunk or Treat | Apple Valley
- ► Sever's Fall Festival | Burnsville
- ► Halloween Trail Walk | Eagan
- ► Trunk or Treat | Hastings ► Nowhere Haunted House | Inver
- Grove Heights
- ▶ Oktoberfest | Inver Grove Heights
- Let's Pawty Halloween Dog Event | Inver Grove Heights
- Barktober | Mendota Heights
- ► Trick-or-Teeing | Mendota Heights

NOVEMBER

- Winter Lighting Ceremony | Burnsville
- Gobble Gait | Hastings
- ► Festival of Season's Boutique | West St. Paul
- Opt Outside | Eagan
- Tree Lighting | Apple Valley
- ► Holiday Hoopla & Small Business Saturday | Hastings
- Veterans Day Ceremony | Inver Grove Heights
- ► Bundles of Love Fall & Holiday Craft Fair | Burnsville
- ► Island Bacon Fest | Hastings
- ► Annual Fire & Ice Gala | Hastings

DECEMBER

- ► Christmas in the Village | Farmington
- ► Holidays on Main | Lakeville
- ► New Year's Eve Party | Eagan
- ► Skate with Santa | Inver Grove Heights
- ► Holiday Craft & Gift Show | Eagan
- ► Hmong Arts & Crafts Fair | Eagan
- Light up the Heights | Inver Grove Heights
- Santa Secret Store | Lakeville
- New Year's Eve Noon Dance Party | Eagan
- Old Fashioned Holiday | Eagan
- ► Indoor Market at the Community Tree Lighting | Eagan
- ► Lighted Holiday Parade | Farmington
- Soldiers 6 christmas festival | Inver Grove Heights
- ► Breakfast with Santa | Inver Grove Heights
- Skate with Santa | Inver Grove Heights
- Annual Winter Walk | Northfield

*Events are subject to change.
*For more information on events throughout
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Communications	(651) 438-8179
Community Services	(651) 554-5742
Court Administration	(651) 377-7180
County Attorney	(651) 438-4438
Historical Society	
Sheriff	
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Employment & Economic Assistance	
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Financial Services	(651) 438-4585
Information Technology	(651) 438-4270
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Performance & Analysis	(651) 438-4579
Parks	
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and St. Croix to the east, Dakota County spans roughly 600 square miles. Before settlement by Europeans, oak prairie savannahs dominated the landscape and were home to the Dakota tribe of American Indians until 1689. Then, without tribal consent, a fur trader by the name of Nicholas Perrot claimed ownership of the Dakota, Ojibwe and other American Indian land for France. Through the Louisiana Purchase in 1805, the United States appropriated land west of the Mississippi from France. Dakota County was created by the Minnesota Territory legislature in 1849, along with 8 other counties. Dakota County's initial boundary spanned from Hastings to several hundred miles west to the Missouri River. In 1853 Kaposia was home to the county seat. A year later Mendota, the first European settlement in Minnesota made possible by the founding of Fort Snelling, held the county seat until 1857. It was then relocated to Hastings where it now remains. Today Dakota County is home to approximately 439,882 residents.

APPLE VALLEY - pop. 55,638 BURNSVILLE - pop. 63,943 COATES - pop. 142 EAGAN - pop. 68,642 FARMINGTON - pop. 23,534 HAMPTON - pop. 736 HASTINGS (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 21,925 INVER GROVE HEIGHTS - pop. 35,541

LAKEVILLE - pop. 72,812

LILYDALE - pop. 800

MENDOTA - pop. 183

MENDOTA HEIGHTS - pop. 11,665

MIESVILLE - pop. 134

NEW TRIER - pop. 83

RANDOLPH - pop. 464

ROSEMOUNT - pop. 26,642

SOUTH ST. PAUL - pop. 20,536

SUNFISH LAKE - pop. 523

VERMILLION - pop. 439

WEST ST. PAUL - pop. 20,822

*Populations are approximate.

NORTHFIELD - pop. 20,709

DAKOTA COUNTY COMMUNITIES

APPLE VALLEY

First known as Lebanon Township, Apple Valley was settled by immigrants from the east coast. The first town meeting was held on May 11, 1858 in a home near the area that is now Westview Elementary School. Lebanon Township remained much the same for its first century and was renamed Apple Valley due to its resemblance to Apple Valley, California. Today Apple Valley is home to approximately 55,638 residents.

BURNSVILLE

The rich soil and considerable amount of land of present day Burnsville attracted farmers and Irish immigrants for settlement. William Byrne joined the settlement once known as Byrnesville Township in 1855 and due to his large donation of land for a church, school and cemetery it is assumed that Burnsville is named in Byrne's honor. Burnsville did not become a city until 1965 when it began to grow. In 1977 Burnsville Center opened its doors, attracting many new residents. Today Burnsville is home to approximately 63,943 residents.

COATES

The first post office in the Coates area was established in 1904 and the community was named in honor of Civil War Captain Henry C. Coates. In 1953 Coates was incorporated and the community has continued to prosper. Today Coates is home to approximately 142 residents.

EAGAN

Eagan was initially home to the Sioux Indians and French fur traders until the development of Fort Snelling in 1824. Eagan was initially part of Mendota Township until 1860 when it was renamed Eagan Township after Patrick Eagan, one of Eagan's first chairmen. Known for a time as the "Onion Capital of the United States," this area slowly evolved from a farming community to a bustling suburb and Eagan was officially incorporated as a city in 1974. Today Eagan is home to approximately 68,642 residents.

FARMINGTON

Farmington, originally named Dakota City, is one of the oldest communities in Dakota County. It was founded between the railroads and the Vermillion River as this region was widely known for its fertile soil. In 1865 the establishment of a business district along with schools and churches fulfilled the growing needs of the community. Battling Hastings for the county seat, Farmington was initially rejected incorporation from the State of Minnesota until 1872. Today Farmington is home to approximately 23,534 residents.

DAKOTA COUNTY COMMUNITIES

HAMPTON

Hampton was founded in 1858 and named by Nathaniel Martin in honor of his hometown of Hampton, Connecticut. A post office was established and the expansion of the railroad allowed for growth. In 1896 Hampton was incorporated and the area continued to thrive. Today Hampton is home to approximately 736 residents.

HASTINGS (COUNTY SEAT)

Hastings was once known as Oliver's Grove, after Lieutenant W. G. Oliver carved his name on a grove of trees while camping in 1819. The community was founded by four veteran fur traders Alexis and Henry Bailly, Alexander Faribault, and Henry Hastings Sibley and the name Hastings was drawn out of a hat upon settlement. Hastings was selected as the county seat in 1857 and the area continued to thrive. Today Hastings is home to approximately 21,925 residents.

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Inver Grove Heights was founded in 1858 and the first post office in the Inver Grove Heights area started in 1886. The community was named by John McGroarty in honor of the place in Ireland from which many settlers arrived. Railroad development prompted growth and Inver Grove Heights was incorporated in 1965. Today Inver Grove Heights is home to approximately 35,541 residents.

LAKEVILLE

Founded in 1855 due to its prime location between St. Paul and St. Peter, Lakeville was named after Prairie Lake. Irish, Scottish, English and Scandinavian immigrants were among the early settlers in this territory. For many years the leading industries in Lakeville included farms, flour mills and a creamery. In 1910 Lakeville was home to one of the most famous Midwestern amusement parks, Antlers Amusement Park. Today Lakeville is home to approximately 72,812 residents.

LILYDALE

Named for the blooming lilies of Pickerel Lake, Lilydale was platted in 1886. The community was incorporated in 1901 and reincorporated in 1951. Its location along the east bank of the Mississippi River allowed for numerous floods until the community was relocated to higher bluffs. Today Lilydale is home to approximately 800 residents.

MENDOTA

Mendota, one of the oldest communities in Minnesota, began as a trading post in 1812. Its name was derived from the Dakota word for "where the waters meet" or "mouth of the river." In 1840 St. Peter's Church was completed which is now the oldest active church in Minnesota. Mendota continued to develop and was selected as the county seat in 1854 until it was moved to Hastings. Today Mendota is home to approximately 183 residents.

MENDOTA HEIGHTS

Mendota Heights began as Mendota Township and the community began to develop with the use of ferries across the Minnesota River and the establishment of a trading post in 1825. In 1853 the area continued to grow and in 1926 the Mendota Bridge was completed which was the longest poured concrete bridge in the world at the time. In 1956 Mendota Heights was incorporated and the area continued to thrive. Today Mendota Heights is home to approximately 11.665 residents.

MIESVILLE

Miesville was founded in 1874 by John Mies, for which the community was named. The first post office was established in 1884 and Miesville was incorporated in 1951. The area now houses the newest county park in Dakota County, the Miesville Ravine Park Reserve. Today Miesville is home to approximately 134 residents.

NEW TRIER

Settled in 1856, New Trier was named after Trier, Germany, from where many settlers originated. The first post office was established in 1867 and New Trier was incorporated in 1874. Today New Trier is home to approximately 83 residents.

NORTHFIELD

Attracted to the fertile soil and water power of the Cannon River, John Wesley North arrived to the Northfield area in 1855. Mills and a bridge were built, and the community began to grow, spanning both Dakota and Rice Counties. In 1876, the Jesse James Gang arrived to rob the First National Bank of Northfield, but locals refused and the Jesse James Gang was defeated. As a result, Northfield celebrates the annual Jesse James Days in honor of its courageous residents. In 1919, the Malt-O-Meal Company was established, providing breakfast foods across the country. Today Northfield is home to approximately 20,709 residents.

DAKOTA COUNTY COMMUNITIES

RANDOLPH

First known as Richmond, Randolph was established in 1858. The community was renamed by D.B. Hulburt in honor of John Randolph of Roanoke, a Virginia statesman. Construction of rail lines prompted growth and the first post office was established in 1886. Today Randolph is home to approximately 464 residents.

ROSEMOUNT

Originally inhabited by the Sioux Tribe, the land was then settled by Irish and Scottish immigrants and the name Rosemount was chosen after a city in Ireland. After a dispute with the Minnesota Central Railroad, Rosemount was relocated a half mile to utilize the trains. Today Rosemount is home to approximately 26,642 residents.

SOUTH ST. PAUL

In 1887 South St. Paul was established from parts of West St. Paul and its first post office was founded the following year. Railroad expansion promoted dramatic growth and Alpheus Stickney, a local railroad developer, founded the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company. The organization of the stockyards allowed South St. Paul to grow from a quaint farming community to the bustling city it is now. Today South St. Paul is home to approximately 20,536 residents.

SUNFISH LAKE

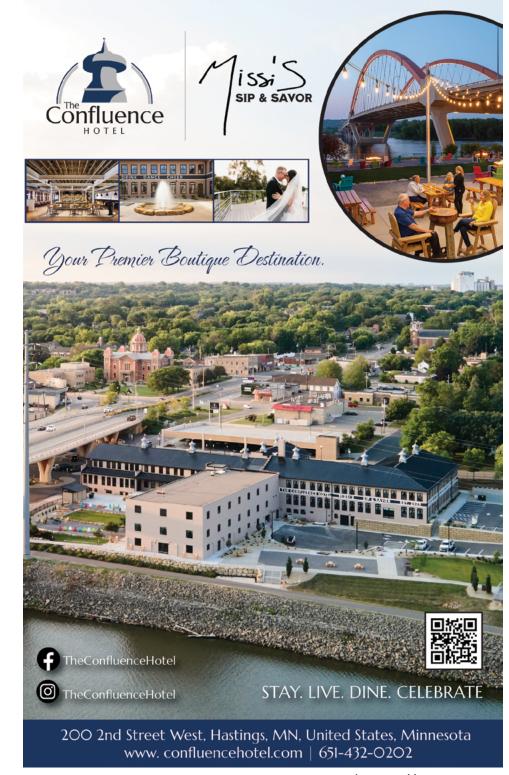
Sunfish Lake, for which the community is named, was originally known as Lake Thereau and renamed for the fish species inhabiting its waters. The area began to progress with railroad construction and the community was incorporated in 1958. Today Sunfish Lake is home to approximately 523 residents.

VERMILLION

Vermillion was organized in 1858 and its name was derived from the Dakota word for "reddish-brown pigment." The community was incorporated in 1881 and the fertile soil of the riverbanks attracted settlers. Today Vermillion is home to approximately 439 residents.

WEST ST. PAUL

Named for its location along the Mississippi River, West St. Paul was founded from parts of South St. Paul and St. Paul. The first post office was established in 1857 and early industry was led by wheat farming. Churches, schools and businesses were constructed to meet the needs of its residents and the area began to develop. Today West St. Paul is home to approximately 20.822 residents.



So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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LEBANON HILLS REGIONAL PARK

860 Cliff Rd. | Eagan Located on nearly 2,000 acres near Jensen and Holland Lakes, the Lebanon Hills Regional Park features hiking, skiing, biking and horseback riding trails, snowshoe and ski rentals, kicksled rentals, canoe and kayak rentals, picnic shelters, visitor center, playground equipment and a campground. Snowshoe rental rates are \$7 per hour for adults; \$5 per hour for children. Kicksled rental rates are \$5 per hour. Daily cross country ski passes are \$6; season ski passes are \$25. Canoe and kayak rental rates including paddles and life jackets are \$10 per hour; premium portaging canoes \$30 per half day (4 hours or less), \$50 full day (more than 4 hours). Stand up paddleboards (includes paddle and life jacket): \$15 per hour. Campground rental rates are \$8 per site reservation (Non-refundable); Pull-through sites \$42 (plus tax) per night (no tents); Full hook-up-water/electric/sewer: \$40 (plus tax) per night (no tents); Electric only: \$31 (plus tax) per night (24-foot maximum, one camper and one tent or two tents); No-hook up tent site: \$24 (plus tax) per night (24-foot maximum, one camper and one tent or two tents); Firewood: \$7.50 (tax included) per bundle; Dump station: \$12 (plus tax) for non-quests only. For reservations at the campground, call (651) 554-6530.

MIESVILLE RAVINE PARK RESERVE

27970 Orlando Trail | Cannon Falls Located on over 1,600 acres near Miesville, the Miesville Ravine Park Reserve features hiking and snowshoeing trails and picnic areas. For more information on current rates for reserving the picnic shelters, call (952) 891-7000.

SPRING LAKE PARK RESERVE

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THOMPSON COUNTY PARK

360 Butler Ave. E | West St. Paul Located on 57 acres in West St. Paul, Thompson County Park features hiking and skiing trails, playground equipment, a fishing pier, horseshoe pits, picnic areas and the Dakota Lodge. For more information on current rates for reserving the picnic shelter or Dakota Lodge, call (952) 891-7000.

*For more information on Dakota County Parks, visit: www.co.dakota.mn.us or call the Dakota County Parks Office: (952) 891-7000.

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11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone 10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10



Fox, Gray & Red

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide 09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide 09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

Pheasant

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide 04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide 04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide 04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide 05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide 05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide 05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide 05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide 09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone 10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

Fox

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

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Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide 09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide



*Check the MN DNR website for updates. https://www.dnr.state.mn.us or scan the OR code



NR License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online <u>www.dnr.state.mn.us</u>, Toll Free: 1 (888) 646-6367 Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout the area:

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Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

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03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass

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Northeastern Minnesota

Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

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Smallmouth Bass

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

Statewide except the northeast

Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

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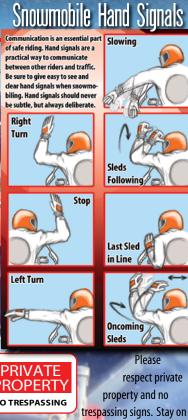
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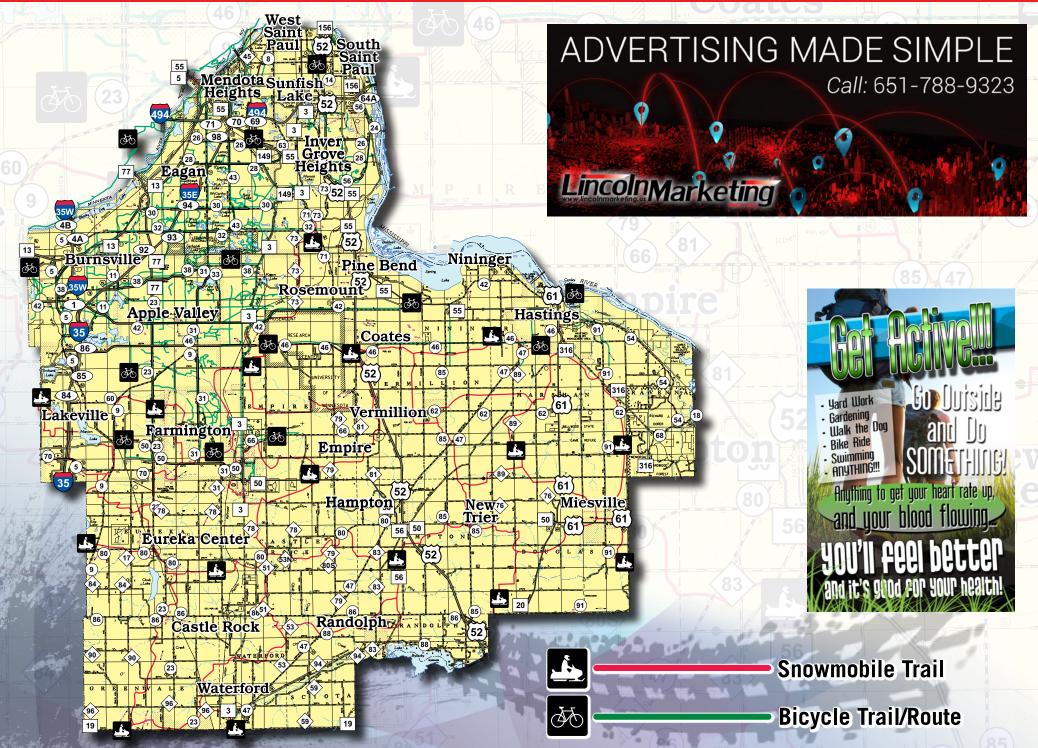
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